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News briefs

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Cheney: Saddam making nuclear weapons

WASHINGTON—The United States has evidence that Saddam Hussein is working on a nuclear weapons program, according to Vice President Dick Cheney, who warned of a “possible marriage” between the Iraqi leader and terrorist organizations such as al Qaeda. In an interview with CNN’s John King, Cheney said Saddam has pressed ahead with developing weapons of mass destruction since U.N. weapons inspectors last visited Iraq in 1998.

Switzerland prepares to join U.N.

GENEVA—Proffering chocolate and special issue Swatches, the Swiss kicked off ceremonies Monday to end decades of splendid isolation and follow the rest of the world into the United Nations. The U.N. General Assembly is expected formally to admit Switzerland as its 190th member

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Pentagon ceremony will send messages

By Jim Garamone
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WASHINGTON — When the eyes of the world turn to the Pentagon Sept. 11, they will see a reconstructed Pentagon with a work force mourning its dead, but united in pushing forward to win the war on terrorism, said Richard McGraw, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld’s point man for the Sept. 11 anniversary.

“...the Pentagon as a whole and the Department of Defense is as strong as ever.”

— **Richard McGraw**

SECDEF point man

McGraw, deputy assistant secretary of defense for legislative af-

fairs, said the location of the ceremony sends a number of messages to different audiences.

“One of the messages we’re trying to send to the world is that the Pentagon is whole and that the Department of Defense is as strong as ever,” he said. “And to the terrorists, (it says) you’re not safe and wherever you are, we’re coming to get you.”

The first proposal was to hold the anniversary ceremony at the

Pentagon’s River Terrace, he said. That area, the site of DoD’s October 2001 memorial service, holds around 30,000 people.

While construction at the attack site is finished inside, he said, the area outside is still a construction zone. Nevertheless, DoD officials decided it was more appropriate to hold the ceremony there, he noted.

McGraw said the area

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Bagram service members go off to races

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Matt Kenseth might have won his season-leading fourth race Saturday night, but it was the soldiers representing Combined Joint Task Force-180 who were the real winners.

As part of NASCAR’s tribute to the victims and heroes of last year’s terrorist attacks, several soldiers appeared via satellite on national television and yelled racing’s most cel-

ebrated line: “America, start your engines!”

Despite the eight-hour difference between Richmond, Va., and Afghanistan, the special event, held at Camp Abel on Bagram Air Base, was virtually sold out by the time veteran race driver Bill Elliott spoke to the 100,000 fans in Virginia and soldiers in Afghanistan.

“As we reflect back on what happened on Sept. 11, we realize what our freedom is all about,” Elliott said. “A lot of innocent men, women and children lost their lives that day.



Photo by Spc. Ann Marie Schult
Before taping the “Start Your Engines America” NASCAR event Sunday morning, Staff Sgt. Carmen Dougherty, a broadcaster with Armed Forces Network in Germany, writes a message to Sgt. Nathan Reichenberg’s wife Natalie, who recently gave birth to their daughter. Reichenberg is a member of 3rd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group,

... We have a goal here tonight, and that’s to race for the men, women and children that lost their lives, and the

many heroes that helped save lives that day.”

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AFRTS brings cable to Afghanistan

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – An Armed Forces Radio and Television Service team recently completed a month-long mission to bring cable to Bagram Air Base.

For several months, many soldiers had to watch the same channel over and over, but thanks to the AFRTS squad, they can choose from 14.

“The large majority of the base will have access to the basic cable,” said Curtis Young, telecom specialist, AFN-Germany. “We received a lot of help from the 769th Reserve Engineers and Air Force, so we can’t

take all the credit.”

“The most important thing was to get troops their hometown coverage out here,” said Air Force Master Sgt. Michael Burnham. “We just wanted to bring some type of entertainment to the troops.”

The seven-man team worked 12 to 15 hours a day around the base, connecting cables, drilling holes through walls, los-



Army Staff Sgt. Stephen Wade, video equipment NCO for AFRTS, lays cable wire.

ing each other, finding one another, talking with commanders and soldiers, and making sure everything was done right.

“I enjoyed my time

here,” said Staff Sgt. Stephen Wade, video equipment noncommissioned officer, McClelland Air Force Base Park in Sacramento, Calif. “It gave me great pleasure bringing comfort to the soldiers.”

“This type of stuff really boosts morale and that’s why I am out here,” Young said.

The cable couldn’t come at a more reasonable time of year as several sports will be crowning new champions and soldiers will be able to keep up with current news.

For a complete listing of channels available, log onto www.afrts.osd.mil. Click on technical information, then virtual channel guide.

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The soldiers appeared on television a few more times, but their enthusiastic behavior spoke volumes about the way they felt, especially when one particular soldier sent a message written on his T-shirt to his wife.

“I just had a baby!” he roared.

Thousands of NASCAR fans hollered back as the Monte Carlo 400 got underway.

The camera crew handed out T-shirts, hats and other NASCAR memorabilia to the service members during the race.

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would hold about 13,500 people. The area is being floored, and massive, 40-foot-high bleachers will ring it. President and Mrs. Bush will lead the ceremony from a stage set right where the plane struck the building.

The ceremony Sept. 11 will proceed regardless of weather conditions, McGraw said. He expects about 2,000 family members of those killed and wounded in the attack at the ceremony, and DoD has in-

vited representatives from local jurisdictions that helped in rescue efforts after the attack.

“I’m trying to keep as many seats for employees of the Pentagon as possible,” he said. However, the area is constrained.

Plans call for President Bush, Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Air Force Gen. Richard Myers to address the crowd. The department has invited all 535 members of Congress to the event, but McGraw allows that many will

probably be attending memorial services in their home districts.

He said three elements comprise the ceremony. “First, of course, is the families and those wounded in the attack,” he said. “We must recognize the terrible loss they have suffered, to acknowledge the price they paid, and to express the nation’s condolences.”

The department also must recognize the dedication to duty exhibited by the contractors, who set a self-imposed dead-

line to have people back in the Pentagon less than a year after the attack. “It’s a remarkable feat, and the patriotism among those folks is palpable,” McGraw said.

The third element is to send a message that DoD, American men and women in other agencies and the coalitions working with the United States around the world are prosecuting the war against terrorism vigorously. “We’re recognizing the importance of the coalition by inviting all ambassa-

dors and defense attaches in Washington to the ceremony,” he said.

McGraw said the challenge was to put together a ceremony that combined the three objectives. “We need to put those together so they are harmonious and don’t look disjointed, (and that the ceremony’s not) a funeral on one extreme or a cheerleading event on the other,” he said. “We had to strike a balance among those things, and I think we have with the program.”

**Remember
the Regs!**

Always use military courtesy when approaching or addressing senior NCOs and officers, IAW AR 600-25.

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HIND SIGHT

1588

Thomas Cavendish returns to England, becoming the third man to circumnavigate the globe.

1846

Elias Howe patents the first practical sewing machine in the United States.

1912

J. Vedrines becomes the first pilot to break the 100 m.p.h. barrier.

1963

President John F. Kennedy federalizes Alabama's National Guard to prevent Gov. George C. Wallace from using guardsmen to stop public-school desegregation.

1981

Pablo Picasso's painting *Guernica* is returned to Spain and installed in Madrid's Prado Museum. Picasso stated in his will that the painting was not to return to Spain until the Fascists lost power and democracy was restored.

at a ceremony Tuesday. To the rousing accompaniment of the Swiss Army Band, the country's flag — a white cross on red background — will then be hoisted. But in a final gesture of their independence, the Swiss made it clear they would stick to the usual square flag, as laid down in national law, rather than conform to U.N. instructions that it should be rectangular. "Finally Switzerland will be at home as a member of the U.N. family," declared Bertrand Louis, ambassador to U.N. offices in Geneva at a reception in the Swiss city.

FBI: No credible threats for Sept. 11

WASHINGTON — As the Sept. 11 anniversary approaches, the FBI said it has received many threats of "undetermined reliability," but stressed that it has no indication of any specific or credible ones. Several threats refer to the events of 9/11 and to New York and Washington, the FBI said in a bulletin issued last week. The information was issued to local police, critical industries and the public by the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center on Thursday. The bulletin cited three high-profile events as possible reasons for the increase in threat-related information — the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, the U.N. General Assembly meetings to be held Tuesday through Sept. 20 in New York and the World Bank and International Monetary Fund meeting Sept. 25-29 in Washington.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
<u>Bagram:</u>	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 90F L: 50F	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 90F L: 50F
<u>Kandahar:</u>	<i>Clear</i> H: 95F L: 63F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 95F L: 61F
<u>Kabul:</u>	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 86F L: 48F	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 88F L: 48F
<u>Uzbekistan:</u>	<i>Clear</i> H: 89F L: 54F	<i>Clear</i> H: 89F L: 54F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

College GameDay

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Associated Press Top 25

(as of Monday)

TEAM	PTS	Last week	Next week
1. Miami, Fl. (68) (2-0)	1,844	d. Florida 41-16	@ Temple
2. Oklahoma (3) (2-0)	1,700	d. Alabama 37-27	vs UTEP
3. Texas (3) (1-0)	1,667	Idle	@ N. C.
4. Tennessee (2-0)	1,642	d. M. Tenn. 26-3	Idle
5. Florida St. (2-0)	1,606	Idle	@ Maryland
6. Ohio St. (2-0)	1,341	d. Kent St. 51-17	vs. Wash. St.
7. Michigan (2-0)	1,333	d. W. Mich 35-12	@ N. Dame
8. Nebraska (3-0)	1,241	d. Utah St. 44-14	@ Penn St.
9. Georgia (1-0)	1,211	Idle	@ S. Carolina
10. Washington St. (2-0)	1,164	d. Idaho 49-14	@ Ohio St.
11. Virginia Tech (2-0)	1,135	Idle	vs. Marshall
12. Florida (1-1)	1,027	lost to Miami 41-16	vs. Ohio
13. Oregon (2-0)	948	d. Fresno St. 28-24	vs. Idaho
14. Washington (1-1)	855	d. San Jose St. 34-10	Idle
15. Michigan St. (2-0)	700	d. Rice 27-10	vs. Calif.
16. Marshall (1-0)	649	Idle	@ V. Tech
17. USC (1-0)	538	Idle	@ Colorado
18. Colorado (1-1)	415	d. San Diego St. 34-14	vs. USC
19. No. Carolina St. (3-0)	402	d. Navy 65-19	vs. Wk. Fst.
20. Notre Dame (2-0)	374	d. Purdue 24-17	vs Michigan
21. Texas A&M (2-0)	368	d. Pittsburgh 14-12	Idle
22. Wisconsin (3-0)	294	d. W. Virginia 34-17	vs. N. Illini
23. UCLA (1-0)	213	d. Col. St. 30-19	@ Ok. State
24. Colorado St. (2-1)	173	lost to UCLA 30-19	vs. Louisvil
25. LSU (1-1)	171	d. Citadel 35-10	vs. Mia, OH

Dropped Out: No. 22 South Carolina

2002 Heisman Trophy candidates

Ken Dorsey, QB, Miami

Season stats: 24-of-45 for 312 yards, 7 TDs, 4 INTs

Jason Gesser, QB, Washington State

Season stats: 29-of-45, 462 yards, 3 TDs, 1 INTs

Rex Grossman, QB, Florida

Season stats: 35-of-71 for 528 yards, 2 TDs, 3 INT

Byron Leftwich, QB, Marshall

Season stats: 27-of-41 for 469 yards, 4 TDs

2002 Major League standings

American League East				GB
N.Y. Yankees	89-53	.627	-	
Boston	80-62	.563	9	
Baltimore	64-77	.454	24.5	
American League Central				GB
Minnesota	83-61	.576	-	
Chicago (AL)	70-74	.486	13	
Cleveland	64-79	.448	18.5	
American League West				GB
Oakland	90-52	.634	-	
Anaheim	88-54	.620	2	
Seattle	84-59	.587	6.5	
National League East				GB
x-Atlanta	90-51	.638	-	
Philadelphia	70-73	.490	21	
Montreal	70-74	.486	21.5	
National League Central				GB
St. Louis	82-61	.573	-	
Houston	76-67	.531	6	
Cincinnati	70-73	.490	12	
National League West				GB
Arizona	87-56	.608	-	
Los Angeles	82-60	.577	4.5	
San Francisco	81-61	.570	5.5	

x- clinched division title

Monday's scores

Toronto 11-9 Cleveland
 N.Y. Mets 6-4 Philadelphia
 Boston 6-3 Tampa Bay
 Chicago Sox 10-6 Kansas City
 Texas 12-7 Seattle
 Cincinnati 9-8 Pittsburgh
 Chicago Cubs 3-2 Montreal
 St. Louis 3-0 Milwaukee
 Minnesota 5-2 Detroit

NL	
W	1. Los Angeles .577
I	2. San Francisco .570
L	3. Houston .531
D	4. Philadelphia .490
	5. Cincinnati .490
	6. Montreal .486
AL	
C	1. Anaheim .620
A	2. Seattle .587
R	3. Boston .563
D	4. Chicago Sox .486
	5. Baltimore .454
	6. Texas .462